

I think it is getting harder and harder to get local news. If we have really big companies with dozens of stations operating everywhere in our nation how is the local news market served?

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is unfair and a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

The public airwaves are free of charge, so companies are obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of the same old same old music formulas and repeat news and less of what we need for our democracy.

I think it is important that we see real people from our own communities and substantive news about issues that matter to us locally.

Clearly, this Sinclair situation shows why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.